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THE LOAN.

The treasury is now in a position to go ahead with the many improvements which are called for. The bonds are all taken up and the money is on deposit in New York. A number of very necessary public works, which have long been hanging in the air can now be taken up. There is much which can be rushed at once, for the plans and specifications are ready, and in some instances have been advertised for bids.

Exactly what will be taken up first one cannot say. There is the reorganization of the wharf system at Honolulu. That is down for \$300,000. Only a portion of this work can be done in this period. Lahaina wharf calls for \$20,000 and that might be constructed right away. Lahaina is a regular stopping place for so many steamers both going and coming, and the present wharf is such an unsatisfactory affair, that this should have almost instant attention.

Again the deepening of Honolulu harbor and dredging the bar for which \$50,000 has been voted, is a crying need and every thing is ready to proceed with it at once. Nothing is more important than the putting of our harbor in order for our ever increasing commerce. It is to us a vital question. We want to make the most advantageous improvements to meet a traffic which becomes greater year by year. This is something that we cannot neglect for a moment, now that we have the means in our power.

Maui has another claim for wharfage, viz: at Kahului, for this and the approaches thereto the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated. Then there is the new jail and the new penitentiary on the Island of Oahu. The jail calls for \$20,000 and the penitentiary makes a start with \$10,000 for a future \$150,000 building. The new insane asylum is urgently needed. The land for this has just been handed over to the Public Works Department and the site for the building has been picked. This calls for \$75,000 of the loan.

Another very important expenditure is for a fire-proof building for the preservation of the government archives. As we now are situated there is no place to store properly a number of very valuable documents, indeed many of our archives, for lack of a proper place to store them in have been lost. This building calls for \$75,000. Armories for the National Guard in Honolulu, Wailuku and Hilo call for \$40,000. These also are very necessary, for in all internal trouble we have to depend upon our own troops to preserve order, and the National Guard should have every facility for storing its material.

Then there are a very large number of schools to be put up and for no purpose can the Territory expend money more satisfactorily than for schools. Upon its school system the future of the Territory rests. School buildings are needed in every part of the Territory, and in no part more urgently than in Honolulu. The first territorial legislature, for some inscrutable reason, did not appropriate a dollar for the school buildings of the Island of Oahu, soon to be the County of Oahu. The consequence is that the school houses of Oahu are probably in worse shape than those of any other part of the Territory.

The main needs of Honolulu are a new Normal School, new Normal School, Commercial Annex to the High School, Grammar School Annex to the same institution. These are needed as soon as possible. With these in proper shape there will be considerable freedom from the congestion which has been justly complained of. The Star is informed that the plans for these are ready, and indeed three of them have been advertised for.

Schools for the other islands are also urgently needed. Wailuku, in especial, has been calling for a modern, well equipped school house. This also has been planned and is ready to be pushed forward. Lahaina, which is now being reorganized, calls for a large appropriation, and there are schools and cottages to be put up in every island of the group from Kauai to Southern Hawaii.

All this means work for the laboring man, for the mechanic and the citizen. The money from this loan, which Governor Carter has obtained for the Territory on such favorable terms, is going into the pockets of our working citizens, in a very large measure. The toiler will have no reason to complain that he has no work. There will be work for every man who is willing to work. In less than a month the majority of the public improvements, mentioned above, will be under way. Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii will all be seeking laborers and skilled workmen. The year 1903 will close with activity in every branch of trade, and 1904 will open brilliantly.

COST OF A CENSUS.

As the United States has progressed in extent, in population and in material development, the cost of taking the census has naturally grown. But the additional expense is not only due to expansion, it is in a great measure due to the minuteness of the investigations and the extension of their range. A census is not now a mere numbering of the people, but it is a decennial inquiry into commercial, agricultural, manufacturing and all industrial progress, down to the minutest detail.

The first census of the country cost not quite \$45,000, a little over one cent per head of the population. The last census, the twelfth, cost up to the end of the last fiscal year, according to Bradstreet's, \$13,115,439.27, or a little over 17 cents per inhabitant. The cost of the census did not exceed \$1,000,000 until the middle of the last century. The census for 1850 called for an expenditure of \$1,329,027, which, with a population of 23,191,876, represented an expenditure of not quite 6 cents per inhabitant. The cost of carrying on the work of the Census Office for the fiscal year was \$402,268.29 less than the appropriations available for that purpose. The unexpended balance is, according to the opinion of the Attorney General, available for general census purposes, so that the amount which may be used in this way during the current fiscal year is over \$242,000 in excess of the expenditures on this account for the current fiscal year.

The printing bill of the Census Office is a large one, the appropriation for the current year being \$250,000. The publication of the reports and bulletins constitutes the most expensive part of this printing work. There is, however, a large amount of miscellaneous printing required for the work of the office. This comprises not only the forms, blanks and letter-heads naturally required in the routine work of so large an office, but also the schedules of inquiry, which are quite elaborate, circular letters, instructions to special agents, and tabulation sheets and other forms demanded in the conduct of special investigations. The supervision of this printing, as well as the general editorial work, is under the charge of a division of the Census Office, of which more is likely to be heard in the future when the work of census-taking will be more highly developed than it is at present.

This is the division of methods and results to which has been confided the preparation of a report presenting a correlation and analysis of the more important results of the Twelfth Census. The aim of this work is to furnish a further interpretation of statistics already published. It is the intention to carry on through this division the discussions of the several topics from the points where they have been left by the writers of the main census reports, and to bring into connection the results stated in the separate reports, making international comparisons where these are likely to be safe and enlightening, and presenting the whole from a fresh standpoint, with the differences of treatment naturally resulting from a different authorship. The work of this division

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The Russian attitude towards Japan is having a disturbing effect upon the trade in the Orient. When the position of the United States is realized as it will soon be Russia will temporize, or in all probability withdraw from her present position.

The Duke of Devonshire is a representative of the unprogressive statesmen of Great Britain. It is but natural that he should attack the policy of Chamberlain in his protectionist departure.

The revolutionists have captured San Domingo and have become the government now, the previous president is comfortably out of the way on a German ship. Now the revolutionists will have to pay Uncle Sam's bill which by this time has grown to considerable size. They profess to be determined not to pay the claim, but no doubt they will think better over it.

Russia and Austria are getting tired of the procrastinating policy of the Sultan. It looks as if these two powers will have to undertake the task of administering the government of Macedonia themselves. It will be no easy task, though Austria has been very successful with Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day and thousands upon thousands of turkeys have been sacrificed in anticipation of the feast. It is a pleasant festival and many are the families which are reunited on this day. Thanksgiving is the national day. Christmas and other feasts are common to all Christendom, but Thanksgiving is a purely American day. It takes us back to the beginning of our history, and has been handed down to us as a memory of the early founders of our civilization. As years go by the day becomes more and more revered by those who think while to the small boy it is an ever recurring period of gaily and feasting.

Rumor has been very busy over the new appointments, and will continue to be so until they are filled. Each appointee hands in his resignation upon his appointment.

Senator Mitchell's bill amending the Organic Act will probably be themselves amended. There are several suggestions which ex-Governor Dole recommends. Some of these, as the right of removal of officials appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate are likely to be embodied in the bill. The matter has come so prominently forward recently that there is little doubt about its being pushed forward. Then again there is the time limit for bonds which in the opinion of Governor Carter and other financiers should be extended.

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The German beet sugar industry is contracting considerably since the Brussels conference. During thirteen months, ending Sept. 1, 1903, the German sugar refineries consumed twelve million and a quarter tons of beets. During the similar period 1901-2 they consumed seventeen million and a half tons, thus showing a decrease of five and a quarter million tons. The amount of sugar turned out during the period has been 1,663,193 tons as compared with 2,246,237 tons, in the previous period. This is a decrease in the world's supply of sugar of 583,044, considerably more than the total Hawaiian crop. The fiscal year, for purposes of taxation has, in Germany been changed from August 1 to September 1, and therefore calculations have had to be made on thirteen months for this season.

The Colonizer (an English publication) states that a scheme is on foot for the organization of a floating industrial exhibition of British manufactures which is to make a tour of the Empire. The plan is to fit out a large ship with samples of all classes of manufactured articles which Great Britain supplies or can supply to her colonies. From fifty to one hundred firms are expected to furnish exhibits, and a representative of each firm will accompany the ship, which, in the course of a six months' voyage, will stop at every important port in the British colonies and dependencies, as well as at ports in Japan, China, and other countries to be selected. It is expected that the tour will begin in the early part of next year.

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